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Treatment Manual

Certifying Facilities

Overview

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The Certification of Facilities section of this manual is organized by the following categories:

- ◆ Vacuum Fumigation Chambers
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- ◆ Niger Seed Treatment Facilities
- ◆ Irradiation Treatment Facilities

Domestic and foreign treatment facilities must be certified by APHIS before they can perform treatments to meet United States quarantine requirements. Specific requirements for each type of facility are included in this section.

After Oxford Plant Protection Laboratory has approved blueprints or drawings of a treatment facility, the treatment facility can request certification from Plant Protection and Quarantine at local ports or State Plant Health Directors.



Blueprints or drawings of **domestic** treatment facilities should be sent to:

Peter Witherell
Laboratory Director
USDA, APHIS, PPQ
CPHST-Oxford Plant Protection Laboratory
901 Hillsboro Street
Oxford, NC 27565
tel: 919-693-5151, ext. 236

Request for certification can be sent to State Plant Directors listed at the following URL:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/travel/aqi.html>



Blueprints or drawings and request for certification of **foreign** treatment facilities should be sent to:

David Reeves
Director, Preclearance Programs
USDA, APHIS, PPQ
4700 River Road, Unit 60
Riverdale, MD 20737
tel: 301-734-8295
fax: 301-734-8318

For foreign treatment facilities, the company requesting certification is responsible for paying money into a trust fund account to pay the salary, travel costs, and per diem of a PPQ Officer to be sent on temporary duty.

Sea-going vessels that participate in the APHIS cold treatment program for fresh fruit may be certified at a port in the USA or at a foreign port. Also, if the certification is to be carried out overseas, a trust fund account will be needed to cover the costs. (For details call Stephanie Hyatt, PPQ Port Operations, tel: 301-734-6404.